

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence City Hall**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**August 10, 2010**

## **Open Session**

**Mr. Carcieri called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. School Committee members present: Luisa Abatecola, Shannon Barbosa, Robert Faria, Steven Santos, Anthony Carcieri. Also present: Dr. Mario F. Cirillo, Superintendent of Schools, Daniel Kinder, Esq. and Lonnie Barham, Chief Operating Officer.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Santos that the Committee convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing: Litigation: R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (2): EPSC v. Rocha; EPSC v. EPEA, Lopes v. EPSC, Dewey v. EPSC, Hamilton v. EPSC, and the Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract. Motion seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**Mr. Carcieri, Chairman, called the open meeting to order at 7:30PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Moment of Silence were observed. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to seal the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**Mr. Lonnie Barham reported the following vote taken in Executive Session: On motion made by Mr. Faria and seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, the School Committee voted 5-0, unanimously, to approve a three year contract for our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mario Cirillo, which is in essence a two year extension of his previous contract. This contract is effective on August 11, 2010 extending through August 10, 2013. This contract had no salary increase in the first year, with any possible raises in the second and third years based solely on increases in the consumer price index.**

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. Cirillo reported that all staff will report for orientation on September 7, 2010 and students will return to school on September 8, 2010; he noted new start and end times for schools. Dr. Cirillo advised that all the schools have been cleaned by teams of custodians and are ready for opening day. Dr. Cirillo invited School Committee members to tour buildings on September 7, 2010 at a time to be announced.**

**Dr. Caroline Caswell, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment presented a report on NECAP Classifications, Professional Development Plan, New Math Curriculum and the Strategic Plan.**

## **Personnel Report on Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence**

### **RETIREMENT**

**Anita Barton Librarian-Elementary (11 Years) - September 1, 2010**

### **RESIGNATION**

**Susan Coffey 2/5 Occupational Therapist - Effective June 23, 2010**

**Lindsay Sinclair Reading Specialist-Riverside Middle School  
-Effective July 21, 2010**

**Danielle Ashworth Reading Specialist-Riverside Middle School -  
Effective Immediately**

**Kevin Sullivan Special Education Teacher (Transitions)-EPHS -  
Effective July 27, 2010**

**Valerie Correia Supervisory Assistant-Kent Heights -  
Effective Immediately**

**Bernadette Moonan Kindergarten Teacher-Oldham - Effective  
Immediately**

### **PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Deana Dufficey Speech Language Pathologist**

**2010-2011 School Year**

**Hope Caparco Teacher Assistant-Whiteknact**

**2010-2011 School Year**

**Darlene Hall Student Liaison-EPHS**

**2010-2011 School Year –To assume Math Department  
Coordinator for (1 year)**

**Laurie Tubman Math Teacher-RMS- To assume Secondary  
Numeracy Coach 2010-2011 School Year**

**Amy Watson Elementary Teacher-Whiteknact- to  
Assume Elementary Numeracy Coach**

**2010-**

**2011 School Year**

**Natasha Axelson Reading Teacher-MMS- To assume  
Secondary Literacy Coach 2010-2011  
School Year (year 2)**

#### **PARENTAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Jennifer Benell Speech Language Pathologist-KH  
2010-2011 School Year**

#### **FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Amy Kizzee Biology Teacher-EPHS  
September 7, 2010-October 29, 2010**

**Nicole Forget Special Education Teacher-Francis  
Effective approximately 10/01/2010-13 weeks**

**Patricia Vinhateiro Secretary-RMS  
August 25-Approximately October 12, 2010**

**Financial Report – Mr. Barham reported that the Teachers Job Act is**

scheduled to be voted on today and \$33 million, which can only be used for specific items, is expected to be distributed sometime in September or October; although the Governor will have the option of deciding, Mr. Barham believes it will be part of the funding formula and can be held for one year and distributed in 2012. If we receive funds, we hope to use it to recall and retain teachers. Mr. Barham introduced the new Finance Director, Mary King, who was recently hired after a rigorous interview process. Mrs. King presented the financial report, explaining that there are some timing issues with receipt of revenues (71.22% received) with expenditures past the 75% point; but there are no major issues in the bottom line at this time, which is three quarters of the way through the fiscal year. In response to Mr. Faria's question if we are still projected to be even and balanced by end of fiscal year, Mrs. King agreed at this time.

## **Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Santos to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 6/8/10, 6/18/10, and 7/16/1, seconded by Mr. Faria. Vote 5-0.

**Personnel Appointments/Recalls** – Mr. Barham presented the personnel items:

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Araxie DeBlois** Assistant Principal-EPHS - (1 year) (Jen Roy on leave)

**Cynthia Sadler Assistant Principal-WADDINGTON/OLDHAM**

**Laurie Tubman Numeracy Coach-Secondary (new position)**

**Kimberly Maratto Literacy Coach-Elementary  
(formerly 1 yr position)**

**Linda Jackson 3/5 Cosmetology Instructor-CTC (new position)**

**Jessica Vincent Pre K Teacher Meadowcrest**

**Paul Mello 180 Day Seasonal Custodian  
Effective September 1, 2010 (Per Contract)**

**Michael Smith 180 Day Seasonal Custodian  
Effective September 1, 2010 (Per Contract)**

## **RECALLS**

**Katie Gorton Math Teacher-Location to be Determined  
(1 year) To replace L. Tubman**

**Sydney Culbertson Special Education Teacher-RMS**

**Myra Maini 3/5 Spanish 2/5 Guidance Counselor-EPHS  
(previously 5/5 Spanish)**

**Crandall Dimock 1/5 Physics Teacher-EPHS  
(Position left open from Job Fair)**

**Matthew Gaudette 4/5 Music Teacher & Assistant Band  
Director**

**Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mrs. Barbosa. Vote 5-0.**

**Requisitions – Bill Lists**

**Warrant #001011 8/2/10 \$ 48,884.40**

**Warrant #001013 8/3/10 \$1,183,249.98**

**Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**New Business**

**Schedule of School Committee Meetings – The School Committee agreed to post the following meeting schedule for the remainder of 2010: August 24, 2010, September 15, 2010, October 12, 2010, November 9, 2010, and December 14, 2010.**

**Eliminate Policies (First Passage) I.A. –Mission Statement, I.L . – Master Plans and Strategic Plans, and II.G.1. - Inclement Weather. The Superintendent reported that the policies are outdated and recommended that the policies be eliminated.**

**Public Comment II – None**

**A motion was made by Mr. Faria to adjourn at 8:45PM, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Shannon Barbosa, Clerk of the Committee**